



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**CERTIFIED-RETURN  
RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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Re: *Administrative Tort Claim of Lateef Yusuf, as Administrator of the Estate of Debby Yusuf, Deceased*, Claim No. 2019-0604

Dear Mr. Fogel:

On July 17, 2019, you submitted an SF-95 under the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA"), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2401(b), 2671-80, on behalf of Claimant Lateef Yusuf, as Administrator of the Estate of Debby Yusuf, deceased.

The FTCA authorizes the settlement of any claim of money damages against the United States for, *inter alia*, injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Federal Government, while acting within the scope of employment. Under the FTCA, the act or omission must be such that the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimants in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred. 28 U.S.C. § 2672.

This letter constitutes the notice of final determination on this claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 2401(b), 2675(a). The claim is denied.

If your client is dissatisfied with this determination, he is entitled to:

1. file a written request with the agency for reconsideration of the final determination denying the claim within six (6) months from the date of mailing of this determination (28 C.F.R. § 14.9); or
2. file suit against the United States in the appropriate federal district court within six months from the date of mailing of this determination (28 U.S.C. § 2401(b)).

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In the event that your client requests reconsideration, the agency will review the claim within six (6) months from the date the request is received. If the reconsidered claim is denied, your client may file suit within six (6) months from the date of mailing of the final determination.

Sincerely,

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